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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR KING HASSAN

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KING HASSAN FROM
PRESIDENT NIXON.

QTE: YOUR MAJESTY: AS I HAVE EARLIER WRITTEN YOUR
MAJESTY, I WAS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE
DELIVERED TO ME IN DAMASCUS THROUGH THE COURTESY OF YOUR
TRUSTED EMISSARY, MR. AHMAD A. BAKKALI, SUGGESTING THAT
I VISIT MOROCCO IN CONNECTION WITH MY TRAVELS TO MOSCOW.

I HAVE NOW REVIEWED MY SCHEDULE, AS I PROMISED TO DO, AND
CONCLUDED WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT SUCH A VISIT TO YOUR
GREAT NATION WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE AT THIS JUNCTURE. I
AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR MAJESTY WILL UNDERSTAND.

THE DURABILITY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND MOROCCO, YOUR MAJESTY, IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
ME PERSONALLY AND TO OUR SHARED DESIRE FOR A LASTING PEACE

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IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM AWARE OF YOUR INTEREST IN

RESCHEDULING YOUR OWN VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER,
AND I SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT THAT. AS MR.
BAKKALI SAID IN DAMASCUS, THE TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN
CAN BE WELL USED TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS AND THE BASIS
FOR OUR TALKS.

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH CHARACTERIZES OUR
RELATIONSHIP, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY WARMEST PERSONAL
REGARDS TO YOUR MAJESTY. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. SISCO

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